

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

NOV 15 2004

tasa 597
101769-51
09/431,849

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : NICKEL, Oliver
SERIAL NO. : 09/431,849
FILED : 2 November 1999
FOR : MASKING STRIP AND USE THEREOF
ART UNIT : 1774
EXAMINER : Lawrence D. Ferguson

15 November 2004

Mail Stop: RCE
Hon. Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RECEIVED
2004 NOV 17 AM 10:00
BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to consideration of the application on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.